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ROUND TABLE

THURSDAY, February 28 -- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
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CONTAIN COMMUNISM -- OR CRACK THE IRON CURTAIN?

by

A Panel of Refugee European Leaders

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What should be the course of the democratic world: restrain further advances of Communism, or take the initiative and tear down the Iron Curtain? To discuss this topic of vital interest to Americans and Europeans alike are important political leaders, now refugees from their countries, who have personally experienced Soviet domination:

Milan Gabrilovich, former President of the Yugoslav Peasant Party and a member of the Exile Government in London, was condemned to 15 years hard labor; Bela Fabian, former leader of Hungary's Democratic Party and later Minister of Justice; Stephen Kovonsky, leader of the Polish Peasant Party who, during the war, took command of the Polish civilian underground upon the arrest of the 14 Polish officials in ^{Warsaw} London; and David Martin, head of the International Rescue Committee, who has long had contact with refugees from Soviet-dominated countries.

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London Daily Telegraph correspondent ALEX FAULKNER appeared on the Tex and Jinx program following the death of King George VI ... On February 11 ABC commentator PAULINE FREDERICK addressed the annual meeting of the United Churches of Greater Harrisburg & Dauphin County, Pa., at Harrisburg on "The Dictatorship of Fear". She also spoke at Pittsburgh and New York State Teachers' College February 15 ... RUSSELL ANDERSON sponsored a cocktail reunion for a group of former Navy intelligence officers at the Clubrooms on February 19. Wartime headquarters for the group (composed mainly of N.Y. newspapermen) was the same area in the Times Building which the OPC now occupies! ...

SUMMER COTTAGE WANTED: British correspondent seeking cottage within commuting distance of New York for self, wife and daughter. Seaside or rural surroundings. New York apartment would be available for exchange or otherwise June, July, August. Phone Circle 7-1776.

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From Sao Joao d'Estoril, Portugal, comes an epistle from HENRY TOSTI RUSSELL in which he writes that "We live here in what can only be described as one of the loveliest spots in this country, with a view difficult to surpass in most countries I know. We have in the large garden our own oranges, lemons, almonds, figs and many other things ... Although Portugal is sometimes said to be a backward country, we have central heating and three bathrooms in our eight-room bungalow. All the best to the Club and DOUG WERNER" ... ROBERT HARPER's Lincoln yarn, "Abe's Dream of Ann Rutledge", was featured in the February 16 issue of Collier's ... Flying to Lisbon from Paris especially for the occasion, CBS correspondent DAVID SCHOENBRUN on February 17 presented an exclusive report on the coming NATO meeting on "World News with ROBERT TROUT" ...

KATHRYN CRAVENS is negotiating contracts for stage and screen rights to her book, "Pursuit of Gentlemen". All royalties will be divided among the Heart Fund, Damon Runyon Cancer Fund and several Community Chests! ... Off this week on a five-week inspection tour of Western Europe and North Africa is H. V. KALTENBORN, NBC's dean of radio commentators

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CECIL BROWN, Mutual Broadcasting System commentator, debated Rear Admiral Ellis Zacharias on "Is Our Foreign Policy Succeeding?" at the Oakland County Teachers Institute, Pontiac, Mich., February 22 ... Off to Baltimore this week to attend the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is ADELE NATHAN ... MARY HEATON VORSE's reprint from a recent Harper's, "Why They Leave the South", appears as lead article in the March Everybody's Digest ...

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CLUB CALENDAR

Admissions Committee Meeting Clubrooms Thursday, February 21, 6:15 PM
Awards Committee Meeting Clubrooms Monday, February 25, 5:45 PM
Program Committee Meeting (open meeting). Clubrooms Wednesday, February 27, 5:30 PM

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Dora Jane Hamblin, correspondent, Life magazine. France, January 1950 to September 1951; England, September 1951 to present, all for Time & Life. Proposed by WILLIAM P. GRAY; seconded by GEORGE E. JONES.

Abel Banov, public relations director, American Institute of Food Distribution. Spain, summer, 1939, for North American Newspaper Alliance and The Nation; Puerto Rico and Caribbean area, 1938 to 1941 (except for period above), editor, English section, La Correspondencia de Puerto Rico; editor, the Puerto Rican World Journal; and correspondent for The Nation, NANA, and the United Press; Mediterranean theatre, 1943 to 1945, as correspondent for Stars & Stripes. Proposed by ZANDER HOLLANDER; seconded by HUGH CONWAY.


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Emphasizing the importance of the Awards Committee meeting at the Clubrooms on Monday, February 25, Chairman JOHN BARKHAM urged the attendance of all members because suggested nominations by Club Members will be examined at this time. The Committee will also prepare, at this meeting, the slate to be offered the Club for voting on the Club's 1952 Annual Awards, BARKHAM said. "All Committee members should therefore make a great effort to attend," BARKHAM said.

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Club members are urged to use the return postcard this week not only for Bulletin items but to list the names and addresses of people who should receive invitations to the OPC annual banquet. Date has not been set yet, but Dinner Chairman BILL GRAY is anxious to get going.

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BERT BRANDT, United Press Newspictures photog, covering paratrooper operations, "Exercise Snowfall", on the Canadian border was involved this week in a jeep accident in which his vehicle skidded off a snow-covered road, through a cement fence, across a small creek and overturned in a field. BRANDT was reported bruised, shaken but otherwise in one piece ... Another UP lensman, ARTHUR RICKERBY, is off to Florida this week for six weeks to cover spring training of the major league baseball teams. He'll cover teams on both the East and West coasts of Florida for the Upeepix ...

SPRING SUBLET (MEXICO DEPT.): House in best section of Mexico City, completely furnished and staffed with three servants, available for two months from April 15 to June 15. Includes four bedrooms, three baths, large garden. Ideal for two months rest in Mexico. \$175 per month. Write JOHN WILHELM, Madero 16, Despacho 807, Mexico D.F.

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Out of New York currently on a lecture trip is columnist DOROTHY THOMPSON ... Washington OPCer JESSIE STEARNS is doing analysis work for Senator Pat McCarran's sub-committee on the Institute of Pacific Relations ... During World War II in Europe, DAVE EYNON and HUGH CONWAY functioned as a cameraman-writer team, with EYNON as lensman, CONWAY on the typewriter. In the current Atlantic, magazine of the Atlantic Refining Company, however, their roles are reversed; CONWAY has the cover photo and a two-page pix layout on Casablanca, but not a line of prose. Instead, accompanying article was written by EYNON -- both having branched out into the other's field in the past year! ...

CBS correspondent RICHARD C. HOTTELET recently obtained an exclusive interview in Saarbrücken with Prime Minister Johannes Hoffman on the hot dispute over return of the strategic Saar Basin to Germany in exchange for that nation's support of western defense ... Guest panelist on NBC-TV's "Who Said That?" for February 25 will be Past President BOB CONSIDINE ...

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OPCers AMONG PLANNERS) This year, as in 1948, OPCers will play a big role in direct-
OF CONVENTION COVERAGE) ing radio and TV coverage of the political conventions for the
FOR MAJOR U.S. NETWORKS) major networks. Already NBC and CBS have disclosed personnel
shifts and other changes designed to improve their convention
staffing, with OPC President JOHN DALY tagged to coordinate the American Broadcasting Company's commentating and reporting staffs.

Helping supervise the more than 60 hours NBC will devote to the conventions is WILLIAM F. BROOKS, vice president in charge of public relations, who is working closely with HENRY C. CASSIDY, in direct command of the radio groups. Among commentators named to handle coverage are H. V. KALTENBORN, Past President W. W. CHAPLIN, BEN GRAUER and MORGAN BEATTY.

Over at CBS, whose political coverage will be sponsored at an approximated tab of \$3 million, broadcasters EDWARD R. MURROW, ROBERT TROUT and DOUGLAS EDWARDS are prepared to rotate on hour-by-hour convention news broadcasts and telecasts. Meanwhile, at ABC, such OPCers as MARY MARGARET McBRIDE and GEORGE SOKOLSKY are already receiving their July convention assignments.

McGraw-Hill International's JOHN WILHELM (plus wife and three boys) due back in New York on home leave early this spring ... NBC radio newsmen GEORGE HICKS and ROMNEY WHEELER were heard from London and Windsor, England, last week in eye-witness accounts of the funeral and interment of King George VI of Great Britain ... GEORGE HERMAN, CBS Radio's Tokyo chief, reported recently the results of "an off-balance day at Panmunjon". According to HERMAN, the meeting ended in confusion after the U.S. accepted the Reds' Item 5 proposal -- that Russia should be accepted as neutral. "To cap the strangeness of the day", HERMAN continued, "the convoy of UN jeeps pulled out of Panmunjon so fast that they marooned this correspondent and a friend in the deserted press city, and then had to send back on a special 'rescue' mission."...

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WANTED: Volunteers to help at Club Headquarters on such assignments as typing stencils, addressing envelopes, checking dinner lists, etc. Telephone Headquarters when you are free, Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths, Longacre 4-0174.

MEMBERS ON THE MARCH: Off this week for Tokyo are two OPCers -- RUTH KARPF, who's going to Japan and Korea for The Reporter, and COL. ROSWELL P. ROSENGREN, leaving his post as First Army PIO to perform ditto duties for General Ridgway. Incidentally, RUTH KARPF's article, "They Catch Chiselers", about the OPS, appears in the current This Week magazine, and she has just completed an analysis of the current Middle Eastern political situation ... BILL HETHERINGTON of the Newark News is just back from Cairo, Rome, Paris and London. While abroad, he covered the Cairo riots, the funeral of King George VI and interviewed General Eisenhower in Paris ...

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"BEHIND IRON CURTAIN") The New School for Social Research in association with the Overseas Press Club will present a second world report, "Behind the TOPIC OF SECOND REPORT) Iron Curtain", at the New School, 66 West 12th Street, next Monday, OF NEW SCHOOL-OPC PANEL) February 25 at 8:15 PM. Four well-known commentators will join with four leading scholars in a discussion of international relations and Russian affairs, with emphasis on give-and-take debate.

Chairman will be Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, with SANFORD GRIFFITH as the second OPC Member on the panel. Other correspondents will be Kathleen McLaughlin, United Nations bureau, the New York Times, and David Martin, writer and director of the International Refugee Committee. Speaking for the New School will be President Hans Simons; Dean Saul K. Padover of the School of Politics; Philip E. Mosely, professor of international relations, Russian Institute, Columbia University; and Valery J. Tereshtenko, lecturer and writer on Russian problems. For tickets, call Agnes de Lima, OR 5-2700.

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GERALDINE SARTAIN off last week for Sacramento to take care of her mother, who was stricken by a heart attack. OPCers can drop her a line at 3281-11th Avenue, Sacramento, California

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ST. VALENTINE, COL.) St. Valentine's Day celebrants and bon-voyage-and-well-wishers of ROSENGREN DOUBLE-) Col. ROSWELL P. ROSENGREN joined forces at the Club last Thursday, HEADER AT CLUB) February 14th at a cocktail party hosted by House Committee Chairman LARRY BLOCHMAN and his Committee. In addition to the hearts-and-flowers festivities, occasion marked "ROSIE'S" farewell to the Club before taking off next day for Tokyo as First Army PIO for General Ridgway.



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Among celebrants, toasters and well-wishers were: MYER AGEN, GERTY AGOSTON, MARTY BURSTEN, NORMA BABCOCK, GRACE DONALDSON, RUTH KARPF, TOM JOHNSON, KATHERINE LEEDS, JOHN MOROSO, the DOUG WERNERS, CHARLES ROBBINS, H. G. WOODHEAD, ELIZABETH FAGG and FARLEY MANNING. Also ELMER BORSUK, BRUCE JACOBS, B. MATHIEU, MARY HEATON VORSE, WYTHE WILLIAMS, MADELINE ROSS and LOUIS WEINTRAUB. Door prize, "Over a Bamboo Fence" (Morrow), by Margery Finn Brown, was won by JEWEL DE BONILLA.

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LORD LAWSON CITES) Lord "Jack" Lawson, who rose from pit boy to peerage, told OPC'ers
 RISING POSITION OF) and their guests that miners have achieved a position of respect in
 MINERS IN BRITAIN) Britain today, at a Club luncheon at Toots Shor's on Tuesday, February
 19th. The 70 year old, ruddy-faced ex-Secretary of War emphasized that
 he is still, heart and spirit, a miner despite his seven years as a member of the House of
 Lords; that he will spends every weekend at his home in the heart of the coal fields, where
 he worked for 26 years before his election to Parliament.

Lord Lawson, who arrived last week for a nation-wide lecture tour, said that he intended to visit U.S. mining and heavy industry areas, to talk with mine owners, labor leaders and working people, to inspect mining and industrial safety and labor techniques.

Emphasizing that he spoke not merely from a general knowledge but with a close knowledge of the coal fields and of the mental make-up of the people in those areas, he said: "I started in the mines when I was twelve, working 10 hours for 10 pence a day. Until I was well past 30 I neither smoked nor drank -- I wanted only to keep pace with current events and buy an occasional book -- if I could get enough money. But what angered me deeply was not only the low wages, but the almost servile condition in which British miners lived at that time."

Describing how he was asked by an Englishman why there is less coal available in Britain today, he said that he had replied that there is actually more coal being mined: 211 million tons were mined in 1951, 7½ million more than in 1950 and 36½ million more than in 1945. However, he explained, the increasing diversity of industry and heavier demands for export trades as well as the growing home demand for coal topped by manpower shortages stemming from full employment in other industries make for an overall shortage.

Among points made by Lord Lawson were that mines under national ownership have increased safety for the workers, reduced accidents and provided rehabilitation and re-employment for old and disabled craftsmen; that 97% of those injured or in some way incapacitated can be treated, re-trained and put back to work; that there are surprisingly few work stoppages or strikes in the British mine fields today, despite the fact that "after two centuries of industrialization, strikes were more or less a habit"; that the British people are remarkably understanding, happy and protected by social security.

"We used to think that one's reward was in heaven but, in spite of the Labor Government's defeat -- the average workingman in every part of Britain feels that he is better off today", he said. "Britain as a welfare state, is short of food and there's not much variety, but it's astonishing how little this affects our industry or the spirit of our people. There's a great sense of fair play in the great masses of British people and, though the food isn't varied, we manage to get, on the whole, as much as we want." (The Bulletin thanks RUTH LLOYD for this report).

Guest book: N. F. ALLMAN, O'CARROLL COLVIN, RALPH CONISTON, TEMPLE FIELDING (just back from Spain for a few days and returning over the week-end), HENRY J. KAHN, BELIA FROMM, BILL GRAY, EARL CHAPIN MAY, VICTOR KNAUTH, JOHN PARRIS (from North Carolina, who was attending his first Club function), DEREK RUSSELL, WILL OURSLER, MARK SENIGO, LT. IRENE TAYLOR (just back from Europe), ANSEL TALBERT, SVEN ERIK BERGH, JOHN GOETTE and SANFORD GRIFFITH, who presided.

Door prize, "Capitalism and Socialism on Trial" (John Day & Co.) was won by TEMPLE FIELDING.

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